

## **II. Remarks**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-14 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 11, and 12 are independent.

Claims 1 and 11-14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Sun and Marshall, for the reasons discussed on pages 3-5 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

The Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 2-10 contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, while specifically traversing the art rejections, and preserving Applicants' right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicants have incorporated subject matter from the allowable dependent claims into the independent claims solely to secure immediate allowance thereof.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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